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FROM: LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LOS: PEACEFUL USES - PLENARY DEBATE

1. CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM 22 "PEACEFUL USES OF OCEAN SPACE AND ZONES OF PEACE AND SECURITY" NOW SCHEDULED FOR PLENARY DEBATE AT LOS CONFERENCE, MONDAY, APRIL 19. REQUEST FOR DEBATE ORIGINALLY MADE BY PERU (ARIAS-SCHREIBER) EARLY THIS SESSION COUPLED WITH REQUEST FOR PLENARY DEBATE ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. AMERASINGHE SEPARATED ITEMS AND AMPLE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DEBATE CONCLUDED ON APRIL 12.

2. AMERASINGHE HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY HE HOPES TO KEEP PEACEFUL USES DEBATE SHORT AND NON-CONTENTIOUS. BELIEVE HE WILL TRY TO CONFINE IT, PERHAPS BY MAKING SPEECH HIMSELF. NO INDICATION WHETHER HE WILL MENTION INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF
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PEACE WHICH SRI LANKA HAS PUSHED ELSEWHERE. CHINA MAY TAKE

THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER BROADSIDE.

3. U.S. DELEGATION WILL ATTEND DEBATE. DELEGATION NOT RPT NOT INCLINED TO INTERVENE AND WILL NOT INSCRIBE SPEAKERS LIST FOR MONDAY, BUT WILL FINALLY DECIDE DURING DEBATE WHETHER INTERVENTION NECESSARY.

4. DEPENDING ON COURSE OF DEBATE, IF DELEGATION INTERVENES, ONE OR MORE FOLLOWING POINTS WOULD BE USED AS APPROPRIATE:

(A) THIS SUBJECT IS NEITHER RELEVANT NOR APPROPRIATE FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

(B) CONFERENCE HAS MOVED INTO A CRITICAL STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON DETAILS OF A COMPLEX CONVENTION. TAKING UP THIS EXTRANEIOUS AND VERY COMPLICATED SUBJECT NOW WOULD SERIOUSLY RISK DESTRUCTION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

(C) OPERATION OF THE IMPORTANT TREATY THAT PROHIBITS THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE SEABED WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE PARTIES IN 1977. LOS CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE OR COMPLICATE THIS EFFORT.

(D) THE TERM "PEACEFUL USES" DOES NOT, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE MILITARY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IT HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN THE POSITION OF THE U.S. THAT THE CONDUCT OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IS IN ACCORD WITH THE UN CHARTER AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. REQUEST COMMENTS, IF ANY, ON THESE U.S. DEL PLANS FOR HANDLING THIS MATTER BY COB FRIDAY; CABLE SHOULD REQUEST COMMUNICATIONS TO ALERT USREP OXMAN IMMEDIATELY.
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